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Sent: 7/21/2011 6:13:55 PM
To: Khan, Annie (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MassMail-01/cn=Recipients/cn=Annie.Khan]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Independent testing

Thank You Annie! That is very helpful. I will let the ADAs here who do drug cases know. Stay cool!

From: Khan, Annie (DPH)
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 1:49 PM
To: Finigan, Thomas (NFK)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Independent testing

Hi Tom,

Hope all is well. My car is going to be a sauna when I leave here. Haha

The process is simple for the re-weighing and re-testing of the samples.

Re-submitting & Re-analyzing sample:

1. You will need to provide a Letter stating that above Lab #s need to be resubmitted for independent weighing and analysis. You can either email, fax or send with the letter with the drugs.
2. Have the appropriate PD return the samples to the Drug Lab. The samples will be re-assigned with Lab # [REDACTED]
3. The independent chemist must have a DEA license to transport and handle drugs. They will need to provide that documentation/certificate to myself.
4. Have the independent chemist call me at the lab to schedule an appointment.
5. Once a date is scheduled, the independent chemist and I will re-open and re-weigh the sample (to maintain integrity). As for the re-analysis portion, we do not perform on-site re-testing. We will provide the independent chemist with a small portion of the sample. For substances about: 50-100mg and for Rx's about 2-3 tablets.
6. Then I will re-seal the bags and return it to the appropriate PD.
7. The independent chemist will provide you with a summary of their observations and findings.

Now, Good Luck to d/c in finding an independent chemist that wants to re-test the sample (they usually do not like to take responsibility or do not have the equipment for testing)

Hope this helps.

FYI: I will be on vacation from Sept 1st to Sept 10th. I am fluctuating b/w the Chemical Terrorism Lab and the Drug Lab, so if you need anything please call or text me on my cell # 781-367-4152.

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From: Finigan, Thomas (NFK)
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 10:36 AM
To: Khan, Annie (DPH)
Subject: [REDACTED] - Independent testing

Hi Annie—I hope you are beating the heat. I have a case coming up for trial in September where the defense wishes to independently weigh and test the drugs (its close—15. 56 grams of oxys).

What is required for that? I know it's a hassle. Thanks. tom